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THE STORIES OF THE THREE BURGLARS.

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A TIMELY TALE.

ICONTINUED.

I hoped that my wife would put herself on my side, and would say that we had enough of this sort of thing. but female curiosity is an un-known quantity, and she unbesitatingly replied that she would like to hear the young man's story. I sat down in despair. It was useless to endeavor to withstand this yearning for personal information—one of the curses, I may say, of our present civilization. The young man gave no time for change of opinion, but immediately began. His voice was rich and rather low, and his manner exceedingly pleas-

ing and gentle. wish to state in the first place," said he, "that I am a reporter for the press. In the exercise of my vocation I have frequently found myself in peculiar and unpleasant positions. but never before have I been in a situation so embarrassing, so humiliating as this. In the course of my studies and experiences I have and that in literature and journalism, as well as in art, one can make a true picture only of what one has seen. Imagination is all very well often grand and beautiful, but imaginative authors show us their inner selves and not our outer world: there is to-day's demand for the real, and it is a demand which will be satisfied with nothing but the truth. I have determined, as far as in me lies, to endeavor to supply this demand, and I have devoted myself to

the study of Realism. With this end in view, I have made it a rule never to describe anything I have nothpersonally seen and examined. If we would thoroughly understand and appreciate our fellow beings we must know what they do and how they do it; otherwise we cannot give them credit for their virtues, or judge them properly for their faults. If I could prevent crime I would annihilate it, and when it ceased to exist the necessity for describing it would also cease. But it does exist. It is a powerful element in the life of the human race. Being known and acknowledged everywhere, it should be understood, therefore it should be described. The grand reality of which we are a part can never e truly comprehended until we comprehend all its parts. But I will not philosophize. I have devoted myself to Realism, and in order to be a conscientious student I study it in all its branches. I am frequently called upon to write accounts of burglars and burglaries, and in order thoroughly to understand these people and their method of action I determined, as soon as the opportunity should offer tself, to accompany a burglarious expedition. My sole object was the acquisition of knowledge of the subject—knowledge which to me would be valuable and, I may say, essential. I engaged this man, James Barlow, to take me with him the first time he should have on hand an affair of this kind, and thus it is that you find me here to-night in this company. As I came here for the purpose of earnest and ough investigation, I will frankly admit that I would not have interfered with his pro cesses, but at the same time I would have seen that no material injuries should result to asy members of this family." "That was very kind of you." I said, at

which my wife looked at me somewhat reproachingly.
"If he really intended it," she remarked, "and I do not see why that was not the case,

ft was kind in him."

As for me." said Aunt Martha, very sympathetically. "I think that the study, of Realism may be carried a great deal too far. I do not think that there is the slightest necessity for people to know anything about burglars. If people keep talking and reading about diseases they will get them, and if they keep talking and ty is catching, the same as some other things, Besides, this realistic description gets to be very tiresome. If you really want to be a writer, young man, why don't you try your hand on some original composition? Then you might write something which would be interesting."

"Ab, madam." said the young man, casting his eyes on the floor. "it would be far beyond my power to write anything more wonderful than what I have known and seen. If I may tell you some of the things which have happened to me, you will understand why I have become convinced that in this world of realities imagination must always take a second place." Of course, we want to hear your story," said

Aunt Mar tha; "that's what we are here for." "If I was unbound," said the young man, looking at me. "I could speak more freely." "No doubt of it," said I; "but perhaps you might run away before you finished your story.

I wouldn't have that happen for the world."
"Don't make fun of him." said Aunt Martha. "I was going to ask you to cut him loose. but after what you say I think it would perhaps be just as well to keep them all tied until the narratives are completed."

With a sigh of resignation the young man began his story.
"I am American born, but my father, who was a civil engineer and of high rank in his profession, was obliged, when I was quite a small boy, to go to Austria, where he had extensive contracts for the building of railroads. In that country I spent the greater part of my boyhood and youth. There I was educated in the best schools, my father sparing no money to have me taught everything that a gentleman should know. My mother died when I was a mere infant, and as my father's vocation made it necessary for him to travel a great deal, my life was often a lonely one. For soelety I depended entirely upon my fellow scholars, my tutors, and masters, It was my father's intention, however, that when I had finished my studies I should go to one of the great capitals, there to mix with the world.

But when this period arrived I was in no haste to avail myself of the advantages he offered me. My tastes were studious, my dis-position contemplative, and I was a lover of

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rural life.

"My father had leased an old castle in Carinthia, not far from the mountains, and here he kept his books and charts, and here he kept his books and charts, and here he kept his books and charts, and here he kept his a little breathing spell. For several months I had lived at this eastle, happy when my father was with me and happy when it was alone. I expected soon to go to Vienna, where my father would introduce me to some of his influential friends. But day by day I postponed the journey.

"Walking one morning a few miles from the castle I saw at the edge of a bleec of woo diand a female figure seated beneath a tree. Approaching nearer. I perceived that she was young, and that she was sketching. I was surprised for I knew that in this part of the world young women, at least those of the upper classes, to which the costume and tastes of this one showed her to belong, were not allowed to wander about the country by themselves; but although I stood still and watched the young lady for some time, no companion appeared upon the scene.

The path I had intended to take led nast placed in the power lady of the proposed course. I had been and raised my hat. I think that for some time she had perceived my approach, and she looked up at me with a face that was half merry, half inquisitive, and perfectly charming. I cannot describe the effect which her expression had upon me. I had hever seen her before, but her look was not such a one as she would bestow upon a stranger. I had the most powerful desire to stoo and spear to her, but having no right to do so, I should have passed on had she not said to me.

In the best of English, 'Good morning, sir.'
Then I stopped, you may be sure. I was so acquatomed to sueak to those I meet in either French or German that I involuntarily said to her, 'Bon your, Mademoiselle,' 'You need not speak French, she said; I am neither English nor American, but I speak English. Are you the gontleman who lives in Wulrick Castle? If so, we are neighbors, and I wish you would tell me why you live there all the time alone.'

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"At this I sat down by her. I am that person. I said, and handed her my card. But before I say any more, please tell me who you are. I am Marie Dorfler. My father's house is on the other side of this plece of woodland; you cannot see it from here; this is gart of his estate. And now tell my why you live all by yourself in that old ruin. "It is not aitogether a ruin. I answered: part of it is in very good condition." And then I proceeded to give her an account of my method of life and my research of the control of the contro

"I do not think that she reasoned much upon the subject," said the young man. "and I am sure I did not wo made no isan." and I am sure I did not wo made no isan. "And I am sure I did not wo made no isan of many and the control of t

CUPID AND OLD MRS. HEAP

Curious Allegations Concerning an Octoge-narian Lately Becomed.

WILLIMANTIC, Dec. 14 .- All eastern Connecticut is greatly interested in a case that has been on trial all this week in the Superior Court in this borough. In 1887 the widow Eunice R. Heap died, after bequeathing all her property, amounting to \$27,000, to E. McCall Cushman of Hartford, with the exception of \$5,000, which was willed to her relations. Mr Cushman was not a relation of the widow, but he had had the whole management of her estate and affairs for several years. Mrs. Heap was over 80 years old at the time of her death. Cushman, comparatively, is a young man.

The relations, among whom was a brother

didn't like it that they were cut off from sharing in the \$27,000, receiving only about \$200 apiece. Fourteen of them are trying to break the will. They dwell in various parts of this State, and one resides in Pennsylvania. Their plea is that Mrs. Heap was of unsound mind and memory at the time the will was executed "that one E. McCall Cushman, named in said alleged will as residuary legatee and executor, then and for some time prior thereto had the soie and exclusive management of her business affairs, lived in the same house with her, and had contrived to obtain and then possessed great influence and power over her by reason thereof, and while in said relation and under the influence thus acquired, he, by means of trickery, artifice, deception, coercion, threats, persuasion, and importunity, by false protestations of deep regard and affection for her, by flattery, by poisoning her mind against her relatives and others, by keeping her isolated, by distorted and magnified representations of his own services, by false suggestions, and representations as to the value of her estate, and by various other arts and contrivences, did induce and persuade and coerce her, whose memory was greatly impaired, and who was without a disinterested adviser, and who was unable to realize the nature or effect of said instrument to execute the same.

Mrs. W. A. Richmond of Meriden was one of the most important witnesses for the appellants. She testified that Mrs. Heap was feeble, mentally and physically, at the time the will was drawn, was in the "habit of telling the same stories over and over." Heard her say that she had made a will, and that the Richmonds would have her property. Heard her speak of Mr. Cushman as her hostler and again as her lover. The witness added that Mrs. Heap slaws put on her best silk dross and jewelry when "he expected Mr. Cushman would hold her hand all the time he was talking to Mrs. Heap said that although she considered Mr. Cushman would hold her hand all the time he was talking to Mrs. Heap said that although she considered Mr. Cushman would hold her hand all the time he was talking to Mrs. Heap said that although she considered Mr. Cushman would hold her hand all the time he was talking to hard. Ushman would hold her hand all the time he was talking to Mrs. Heap said that although she considered Mr. Cushman wo that one E. McCall Cushman, named in said alleged will as residuary legatee and executor

WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

Mrs. Cleveland Followed at Lust-A January Wedding.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 .- One short year ago, when Mrs. Cleveland held her own so heroically on the back drapery "straight effects." she had not a single follower—not one woman in official society would wear the flat-back gown. But now they, one and all, go heart and soul into straight effects. Every one of the several hundred women at the British Legation on Tuesday evening wore a gown utterly and absolutely, and one might add hopelessly, straight and flat at the back, the ultra-fashionable being, of course, the flattest,

Among young women Miss Leiter were a tulie gown, having the French combination of colors in blue and green trimmings. Miss Pauncefote's gown was a brocade in faint shades of pink and Nile green, combined with pearl-beaded white satin.

Miss Mitchell, Senator Mitchell's daughter, was in black lace, with gold braid trimmings. but the whole strikingly simple and effective. Several dinners and teas have marked the week. Mrs. Bainbridge Hoff gave the second of two teas to introduce her daughter. The débutante received with her mother, wearing a pretty gown of white silk.

of the Garfield Hospital Aid at a luncheon on

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pital will be given just before the holidays. The Vice-President's wife is one of the patronesses, and Dr. Ruth of the navy is to be the director of arrangements. It is intended to make this ball the social event of the season.

The dancing class, of which Lady Pauncefote is one of the batronesses, were entertained by Mrs. Meyer. It was made the coming-out party of her daughter, Miss Gertrude Meyer, whose tolict was white silk and bink roses.

Among other debutantes to appear this season is Miss Mildred Fuller, the daughter of Chief Justice Fuller. The young woman is blonde and pretty.

The wedding of Miss Foster and Mr. Robert Lansing will take place in January. Miss Foster is the daughter of Mr. John W. Foster, who has represented his Government as Minister at the courts of Russia and Spain and the republic of Mexico. The high social position of the family would alone give interest to the wedding, but Miss Foster is also one of the beautiful young women, a belle, and very thoroughly educated, not merely possessing the outward accomplishments of the average society girl. Mr. Lansing is a young lawyer of Watertown, N. Y., and it was there he met Miss Foster, while she was visiting her married sister.

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Miss Kate Field is settled in Washington, at least for the present. Her new venture will appear Jan, 1, 1850, under the name of Kate Field's Washington, It promises to contain much bright and varied reading. She has two clever young women associated with her. One is the business manager. The other is a Vassar girl, who has had experience in newspaper work before.

FUNERAL OF EDWARD N. DICKERSON. Trinity Chapel Thronged With His Friends

and Members of His Profession Many lawyers and distinguished members of other professions, as well as relatives and intimate friends of the deceased, attended the funeral of Edward N. Dickerson at Trinity Chapel, West Twenty-fifth street, yesterday morning. Among those present were Judge Daly. Judge Van Brunt, Abram S. Hewitt. Edmund Wetmore, George McC. Miller, John E. Parsons, ex-Judge Charles A. Peabody, Judge Lawrence, Frederick H. Coudert, Gen. Joseph C. Jackson, Frederick H. Betts, John W. Pirrson. John H. Caswell. Walter Edmonds. Clarence A. Seward, Judge R. C. Van Wyck, John ence A. Seward, Judge R. C. Van Wyck, John Hall, Horace Barnard, Henry C. Andrews. Edward Mitchell, United States Commissioner Snields, John D. Cheever, and Fred S. Tallmadge, who with other members represented the Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

The pall bearers were United States Judge Wallace, Judge Brady, George Eleknor Curtis. C. C. Beaman. Loyall Farragut, George Sheldon, W. Yulee, and Henry Steers. The body, enclosed in a rosewood casket, on which were wreaths of white roses, lilies of the valley, and laurel, lay in the vestibule until 10 o'clock, when, preceded by the pall bearers, it was borne into the church. At the head of the main aisle it was met by the Rev. Mr. Sayers of Far Rockaway and the Rev. Drs. Dix and Swope, followed by surpliced choristers, who sang "When our heads are bowed in woe." The choristers leading the way, the procession passed up the aisle, the Rev. Mr. Sayers reciting the opening sentences of the Episcopal burfal service. Behind the coffin was a long line of mourners, headed by Mrs. Dickerson and her son, and Charles W. Gould and Miss Gould, her son-in-law and granddaughter, and terminated by the servants of the Dickerson household. Dr. Dix and Dr. Swope read that part of the rest of the service which was not sung by the choir.

"The body was interred in Mr. Gould's lot in Greenwood. Hall, Horace Barnard, Henry C. Andrews, Ed-

Carried Up by a Kite,

From the New Horon Palindium.

A club at Terryville has built a kite sixteen feet high. It was sent up in the strong wind last night, and as it started a man holding it was caught by the tail of the kite and carried about fifty feet into the top of a tree. He escaped with no serious injury. The kite is supposed to be the largest ever flown.

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BROADWAY AND 14TH ST.

PRINCETON'S OLDEST GRADUATE. He was the Rev. Melanethon B. Williams

of the Class of 1814. The oldest graduate of Princeton died on Dec. 7 at his home at Cambridge, N. Y. He was the Rev. Melanethon B. Williams. He graduated seventy-five years ago with the class of 1814. For a number of years he had enjoyed that honor of honors, the honor of being the oldest living graduate of the college, and hence heading the alumni list in the triennial catalogue, and having the chair of honor at such college gatherings as he was able to

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Mr. Williams's class was a famous one, and contained many honorable names. Among his classmates were Gov. Seabrock of South Carolina. Gov. Fennington of New Jersey, Prof. Kollock, Judge Nevins and ex-Judge Whitehead of New Jersey, Judge Nicholl of Georgia, ex-President Maclean of Princeton College, Dr. Hugh Lenox Hodge of Philadelphia. Dr. Charles Hodge of Princeton, Senator Bayard of Delaware, Bishop Johns of Virginia, Bishop McIlvaine of Ohlo, Gen. Persifor F. Smith, U. S. A., and Gov. McDowell of Virginia. There were also in the class a number of Congressmen and magistrates and several lawyers distinguished in their time.

Mr. Williams was the son of the Rev. Gershom Williams of "the old white meetin house" of Cambridge, N. Y. He studied law upon graduation, and then became a Reformed Presbyterian minister, being ordained in 1820. He was called to preach at Kortwright, Delaware county. N. Y. In 1832 he became an old-fashioned Prosbyterian. His wife is still living.

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Berkley Grimshaw of Charleston S.C., becomes
the oldest living graduate of Princeton. He
graduated five years after Mr. Williams, in the
class of 1819. The next two in order of fuccession are the Hon. Alexander Mazyck of London, Ontario, class of 1820, and the Rev. John
B. Clemson, D. D., of West Chester, Pa., of the
class of 1821.

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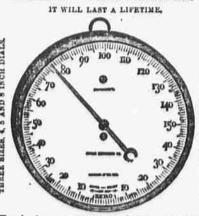
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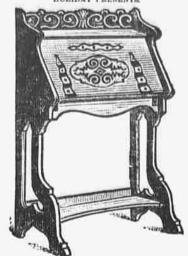
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